

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 1, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 270, 1/27/2017
Executive Action: HB 116, HB 178, HB 248

HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 270, Generally revise funding for K-12 career technical education.

EXHIBIT(edh23a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:34 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association (MTADA)

EXHIBIT(edh23a02)

00:07:40 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:10:00 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:13:01 Jamie McGraw, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

00:20:35 Luke Jaraczski, Self

00:22:55 Mary Nelson, Self

00:24:42 Kieron Palen, Self

00:27:31 Grover Grafton, Self

00:29:51 Tiffanie Carter, Self

EXHIBIT(edh23a03)

00:33:18 Noah Durnell, Self

00:38:35 Trent Cavanagh, Self

00:41:17 Shane Myers, Self

00:44:00 Trevor Okes, Self

00:45:50 Pat Volkmar, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)

00:49:11 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:51:20 Roger Hagen, North East Rural Schools

00:51:54 Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:53:06 Rep. Curtis joined the meeting

00:53:57 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

EXHIBIT(edh23a04)

00:57:50 Marco Ferro, Montana Educators Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:16 Rep. Anderson

00:59:53 Recessed

01:05:39 Reconvened with Rep. Vinton Excused

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

01:06:42 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 248 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:06:55 Rep. Essmann

01:07:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Vinton was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 116

01:07:55 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 116 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:08:07 Rep. Staffanson

01:08:36 Rep. Schreiner

01:09:01 Rep. Funk

01:09:48 Chair Berglee

01:10:31 Rep. B. Bennett

01:11:21 Rep. G. Hertz

01:11:52 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Essmann made a substitute motion that **HB 116 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 178

01:13:50 **Motion:** Rep. Price moved that **HB 178 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:14:09 Rep. Price

01:15:29 Rep. Curtis

01:16:15 Rep. Schreiner

01:17:42 Rep. Essmann

01:18:48 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Essmann made a substitute motion that **HB 178 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

01:19:03 Rep. Funk

01:19:33 Rep. Price

01:20:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

01:21:27 Rep. Anderson

01:22:15 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

01:24:16 Rep. Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:25:28

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh23aad.pdf](#))